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And I hereby proclaim and warn all citizens of the United States, and all aliens, owing allegiance to the Government of the United States, to abstain from committing any and all acts which would constitute a violation of any of the laws herein set forth; and I further proclaim and warn all persons who may commit such acts that they will be vigorously prosecuted therefor.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixteenth day of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
[SEAL.] seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States  
of America the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,  
*Secretary of State.*

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PROCLAMATION REGARDING CONTROL OF VESSELS IN PORTS OF THE  
UNITED STATES

No. 1413. December 3, 1917

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act To punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes," approved by the President on the 15th day of June, 1917, it is provided among other things as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the President by proclamation or Executive order declares a national emergency to exist by reason of actual or threatened war, insurrection, or invasion, or disturbance or threatened disturbance of the international relations of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury may make, subject to the approval of the President, rules and regulations governing the anchorage and movement of any vessel, foreign or domestic, in the territorial waters of the United States, may inspect such vessel at any time, place guards thereon, and, if necessary in his opinion in order to secure such vessels from damage or injury, or to prevent damage or injury to any harbor or waters of the United States, or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States, may take, by and with the consent of the President, for such purposes, full possession and control of such vessel and remove therefrom the officers and crew thereof and all other persons not specially authorized by him to go or remain on board thereof. . . .

And, WHEREAS, In a proclamation made by me on the 6th day of April, 1917, it was proclaimed that a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial German Government,

And, WHEREAS, It is essential, in order to carry into effect the provisions of the said Act, which are quoted herein, that the powers conferred upon the President therein be at this time exercised,

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the provisions of the said Act of Congress quoted herein, do hereby proclaim that a national emergency exists by reason of the existence of a state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government,

And the Secretary of the Treasury is therefore hereby authorized to make rules and regulations governing the anchorage and movement of any vessel, foreign or domestic, in the territorial waters of the United States, and to inspect such vessel at any time, place guards thereon, and, if necessary in his opinion in order to secure such vessels from damage or injury, or to prevent damage or injury to any harbor or waters of the United States, or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States, to take, for such purposes, full possession and control of such vessel and remove therefrom the officers and crew thereof and all other persons not specially authorized by him to go or remain on board thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE in the District of Columbia, this third day of December,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
[SEAL.] and seventeen, and of the independence of the United  
States of America, the one hundred and forty-second.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,  
*Secretary of State.*